

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Ohio Will Receive Health Funding From Recovery Act

In addition, Rep. Wilson encourages communities to apply for COPS Grants through Recovery Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has posted that it is releasing funding to Ohio as specified by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Ohio will receive \$3,734,651 for senior nutrition assistance as part of the Recovery Act.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, these funds will assist communities and the national aging services network hit hard by rising food costs at a time when demand for services is increasing due to the economic downturn and the growing number of older adults. The funds will provide meals to seniors in need, restore nutrition services that have been cut and restore positions which may have been eliminated or reduced.

"Throughout Ohio's Sixth Congressional District, social services are being severely cut because of our economy," Wilson said. "This critical investment will help ease the pain caused by these cuts, help to maintain some of the jobs associated with caring for our seniors and help our seniors maintain their health and independence."

COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM

In addition, communities should also begin applying for the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) hiring grant program under the Recovery Act.

According the U.S. Department of Justice, this is a competitive grant program. Up to \$1 billion in grant funding will be available for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers.

The funding will go directly to law enforcement agencies having primary authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

"I encourage all of the various police and sheriff's offices throughout the Sixth Congressional District to apply," Wilson said. "I already know about some layoffs of law enforcement officers; that's distressing and hopefully these COPS grants can help with such cutbacks."

How to Apply:

Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted only through the COPS Office website: www.cops.usdoj.gov through April 14, 2009. Any questions or technical assistance needs should be directed to the COPS office at 202-514-9079.